

the Selbyville Volunteer Fire Company. Just over 100 years ago, a group of young men saw a need in their community, decided to act, and established this company. Now, a century later, it has grown into what it is today—a critical part of the Selbyville community with a legacy of exceptional service.

In addition to this occasion being a chance for fellowship and comradery between those in uniform, it is also an opportunity for the rest of us, whom the members of the Company serve, to pause and express our gratitude for their selfless and dangerous work.

We in Delaware know the risk each of these firefighters takes when they put on their uniforms and go to work each day. And to take on these risks is as remarkable as it is inspiring. Our state would not enjoy the same peace of mind without people like them answering the call and volunteering their time to protect our communities.

In Delaware, we are incredibly proud to have so many wonderful volunteer firefighters up and down our state. I am proud to be their Congresswoman, and especially as a member of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, I am proud to be their champion in the House of Representatives.

Again, to everyone at the Selbyville Volunteer Fire Company, congratulations on this historic accomplishment and I thank them for their selfless service. Here's to the next hundred years.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF ERIC S. COHAN, CONSUL GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES IN CIUDAD JUÁREZ

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary service of Eric S. Cohan, a career member of the Foreign Service currently serving as Consul General of the United States in Ciudad Juárez.

Mr. Cohan has served nearly 30 years to advance United States interests abroad. He previously served in Ciudad Juárez as Deputy Principal Officer for four years and returned in 2020 as Consul General. As Consul General, he leads a team of more than 350 hard-working State Department employees to assist and protect more than 200,000 United States citizens living in the state of Chihuahua and to facilitate trade and goodwill with Mexico.

During Mr. Cohan's tenure as Consul General, he has reunited countless families through lawful immigration, reduced a pandemic-era immigrant visa backlog by 67 percent, and helped keep our economy strong by issuing visas to truckers, agricultural workers, entrepreneurs, students, and others whose entry into the United States is critical to the economic well-being of everyday Americans. He understands how intertwined El Paso and Ciudad Juárez are to each other and that forging strong partnerships are vital for our economy and the everyday movement of both American and Mexican citizens.

Mr. Cohan and his staff do tremendous work to advance the bilateral relationship between the United States and Mexico, and honor the importance of the cultural, eco-

nomie, family, and historical ties between our two nations. It is my distinct privilege today to celebrate his public service and wish him well in his next assignment.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA LOMBARD—30TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women during Women's History Month. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Patricia Lombard of the Larchmont Village neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Patricia Lombard has worked as a communications consultant and writer since moving to Los Angeles in 1988. She served as a contributor to the Larchmont Buzz an online newspaper covering news from Hancock Park, Larchmont Village, and the Greater Wilshire areas of Los Angeles, since the inception of the site in 2011. In 2015, Ms. Lombard along with Elizabeth Fuller, acquired the Larchmont Buzz from founders Mary Hawley and Julie Grist, and over the years have produced thousands of local news stories. Patricia is currently the editor and co-publisher of the Larchmont Buzz which has given her the opportunity to highlight the work of neighborhood leaders and city officials regarding important local issues.

Ms. Lombard has been a tireless and dedicated volunteer in local civic affairs. She has served on the Fremont Place Association board of directors for over 15 years, and represented the Association on the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council until she joined the Larchmont Buzz.

Since 2007, Patricia has been an active member of the Hancock Park Garden Club, where she served as president from 2009 to 2011. She is a member of Larchmont Village Business Improvement District, Wilshire Rotary club of Angeles, Larchmont Boulevard Association, and The Ebell of Los Angeles, a women's nonprofit organization established in 1894, where she served as the organization's 64th president from 2020 to 2022.

For nearly 20 years, Patricia was involved with the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, where she served as a Trustee and was inspired to pursue local history. The Natural History Museum Seaver Center for Western History Research provided a key image of Larchmont that motivated her to research the story of this unique street. Patricia's book, "Larchmont," was published in 2015. Patricia and her husband, William D. Simon, live in Fremont Place, and they have 2 daughters, Emily, and Alexandra. Emily and her husband Dan live in the Larchmont Village area, and Alexandra is currently planning to move to San Francisco, California to pursue a career in social work.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 30th Congressional District, Patricia Lombard.

TRIBUTE TO BOBBY SALMON

HON. PATRICK T. MCHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Mr. MCHEMRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend Mr. Bobby Salmon for his service to the nation's largest insurance association, the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America, also known as the Big "I." Bobby is nearing the end of his term as Chairman of the InsurPac Board of Trustees, a position that he has held since September of 2020. During his time as Chairman, the committee has risen to new heights.

In addition to chairing InsurPac, Bobby has served with distinction on the Big "I" Board of Directors and Government Affairs Committee. He has been an effective and thoughtful advocate for independent insurance agents and small businesses across the country.

Bobby attended Western Carolina University and is currently an independent agent with INSURE in Raleigh, North Carolina. He entered the insurance industry in 1991 and has been positively impacting lives ever since.

In addition to serving the Big "I" national association, Bobby has been one of the most dedicated volunteer leaders for the Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina. He has chaired the young agents committee, the bylaws task force, and the board of directors, as well as the governance & leadership committee. Additionally, he has served on the legislative & PAC committees, products & services, advertising, surplus lines, and audit committees.

Importantly for North Carolina, Bobby is also an active leader and philanthropist in his community. He serves in a variety of ways, perhaps most importantly as a volunteer leader for Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Durham.

I would also like to recognize Kim, Bobby's wife of forty years. Together they reside in Hillsborough, North Carolina and have three children Tyler, Jordan and Morgan.

The state of North Carolina is proud of Bobby Salmon and thanks him for his continued leadership of the Big "I", its membership, and the great state of North Carolina.

INTRODUCTION OF THE EXPEDITED FEDERAL PERMITTING FOR CALIFORNIA ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the "Expedited Federal Permitting for California Act." This new bill would make permanent the U.S. Department of Transportation's program for eliminating duplicative environmental reviews for federally funded infrastructure projects. It would also make federally funded airport and port development projects eligible for this expedited federal environmental review and permitting. Only federally funded highway, public transit, and multimodal projects are eligible under current law.

Established by Congress in 2015 under the leadership of former U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA), then-Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public